

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
FOR PROCUREMENT AWARD**

MAY 27, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order at 11:01 am. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS		STAFF	
John P. Kelly, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Absent	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present	Eric Zamora	Director of Technical Services
J. Chris Lopez, Director	Present	Christine Nardi	Director of Human Services
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Absent	Amanda Molina	Director of Communications
Karen Dunning, Director	Present	Casey Ish	Director of Lands & Conservation

The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants:

Bill Turner, Former MRGCD Director	Mike Lopez, Lopez Precision
Richar DeLoia, MRGCD	Cassidy Page, Wiggins, Williams, & Wesenberg PC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Chairman Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with Director Jiron attending virtually. Rollcall votes will be necessary for regular motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes		

Ms. Wiggins introduced summer law clerk, Cassidy Page, to the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER -
Richard DeLoia**

a. Consideration/Approval for Alameda Open Space Drain Crossing Improvements

Mr. Casuga asked to award a contract to be constructed within their right-of-way on the existing crossing into the Alameda Open Space off Alameda Drive. He explained there was a Capital Outlay Grant awarded to MRGCD in 2022, with an appropriation for

\$350,000 to plan, design, construct, and improve open space and access and renovate the interaction of Alameda Blvd and Loretta Dr in Bernalillo County. He stated the project was originally a much larger project coordinated with DOT, but there were circumstances that delayed it. He said a portion of the money they planned for the project came from the State, which had an expiration date to expend funds before June of this year. He shared there are improvements they can still do that qualify under the grant to the existing crossing, so they are proposing to use the money for those instead of sending it back. The improvements will include the installation of a concrete barrier wall, concrete lining on the upstream and downstream faces, curb construction, and compacted gravel material, which will make the crossing safe and meets the intent of the capital outlay money.

Director Dunning asked why the original plan was delayed.

Mr. Casuga responded that the larger project at the intersection is still going forward and they followed every step they were given, but found out there were some steps they were not told about. However, they now have the opportunity to improve the crossing they constructed as part of the project. He noted they are coordinating with DFA and the money they are spending is in line with that. He added they look forward to getting the larger project done starting in November.

Chairman Kelly inquired if the larger project would be rebid or if there was just a delay in awarding the notice to proceed.

Mr. Casuga answered his understanding is the awarding contractor was comfortable with the prices given and is waiting for the timeline on construction of the project.

Mr. DeLoia presented for the approval for the Alameda Open Space Drain Crossing Improvements Project. Staff recommended award to Lopez Precision for \$238,698.80, with tax, to be funded through the Capital Appropriations Grant and awarded through MRGCD on-call contractor infrastructure contracts.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FOR THE ALAMEDA OPEN SPACE PROJECT TO LOPEZ PRECISION AS PRESENTED**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes		

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:18am.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of May 27, 2026.

ATTESTED:


 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 Secretary-Treasurer/CFO


 John P. Kelly, Chairman
 MRGCD Board of Directors